

REMARKS

The Examiner alleges there are 5 separate and distinct inventions as follows:

Group I, claims 1-10 drawn to a method for identifying an agent for treating neuropsychiatric disorders.

Group II, claims 15-18, 21-23, and 31-34, drawn to a method for modulating sensory motor gating and improving cognitive function by administration of neurotensin to a subject.

Group III, claims 15-18, 21-23, and 31-34, drawn to a method for modulating sensory motor gating and improving cognitive function by administration of neurotensin analog to a subject.

Group IV, claims 15-34, drawn to a method for modulating sensory motor gating or inhibiting serotonin-2A and/or alpha-1 receptor mediated neural function and improving cognitive function by administration of neurotensin agonist to a subject.

Group V, claims 15-18, and 21-23, drawn to a modulating sensory motor gating by administration of neurotensin mimetic to a subject.

In response to the Restriction Requirement Applicants elect the invention of Group IV, directed to a method for modulating sensory motor gating or inhibiting serotonin-2A and/or alpha-1 receptor mediated neural function and improving cognitive function by administration of neurotensin agonist to a subject. Applicants further elect the species of Bipolar disorders. Claims 15, 16, 21, 24, and 29 are generic to this elected species. In addition, Applicants elect the species of neurotensin agonist. Claims 15, 16, 24, 26, 31, and 32 are generic to this species.

This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to rejoin non-elected species upon an indication of allowable subject matter.


The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 858.509.7300 should any additional issue remain regarding this response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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